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Letter dated 10 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I am writing to draw your attention to the ongoing violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan recorded for the month of August 2014 (see annex).

The irresponsible, provocative actions of Azerbaijan, including intrusions of subversive groups and sniper shelling, during the reporting period resulted in the deaths of First Lieutenant Zorik Gevorkyan and soldiers Sarkis Movsisyan and Aram Grigoryan, killed on 2, 3 and 4 August, respectively, while soldiers Artur Nersisyan, Hovsep Arustamyan and Argishti Galoyan were wounded on 2 August and Viktor Abramov on 7 August.

Armenia strongly condemns these continued provocations and the meaningless use of force by Azerbaijan, and calls upon the latter to strictly observe the ceasefire regime.

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Zohrab **Mnatsakanyan**
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Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 10 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 1-31 August 2014

1. On the borderline of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

   Total number of violations ~ 2301
   Total number of shots ~ 87831

   AK(AKM) ~56440, PK ~ 26435, SVD ~ 1387, DSHK ~ 305, RPK ~ 1440, Black arrow ~ 74, Istiglal ~ 774, RPG ~ 60, Utyos (NSVP/NSVT) ~ 898, 82-BM-37 ~ 13, F-1~ 5

2. On the borderline of the Republic of Armenia (see table below):

   Total number of violations ~ 477
   Total number of shots ~ 32143

   AK(AKM) ~ 2964, PK ~ 19930, SVD ~ 628, DSHK ~ 6655, RPK ~ 33, Black arrow ~ 246, Istiglal ~ 83, RPG/SPG ~ 40, Utyos (NSVP/NSVT) ~ 1015, AGS-17 ~ 46, 82-BM-37 ~ 8, ZSU-23~ 495

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
1.	1 August	Aygepar	0005	AK	2	
2.			0025	PK	9	
3.			0040	AK	2	
4.			0105	PK	6	
5.			0220		8	
6.		Dovegh	0005	RPG-7	1	
7.			0030	82 mm mortar	1	
8.			0550	RPG-7	7	
9.			2225	Black arrow	3	
10.			2350	DShK	15	
11.		Yanshak	0050	SVD	3	
12.		Earskh	0135	AK	1	

Abbreviations: AK (AKM), Kalashnikov rifle (7.62 mm/5.45); PK, Kalashnikov machine gun (7.62 mm); SVD, 7.62 mm sniper rifle; DShK, 12.7 mm machine gun; RPK, 5.45 mm machine gun; Black arrow, 12.7 mm sniper weapon; Istiglal, 14.5 mm machine gun; RPG/SPG, anti-tank grenade launcher; Utyos (NSVP, NSVT), 12.7 mm machine gun; KPVT, 14.5 mm heavy machine gun; AGS-17, 30 mm automatic grenade launcher; ZSU-23, 23 mm anti-aircraft self-propelled mount; F-1, hand grenade; 82-BM-37, 82 mm mortar.

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
13.		Movses	0220	AK	5	
14.		Vazashen	0240	AKM	20	
15.			1645	SVD	3	
16.			1900	AKM	20	
17.			2000	Black arrow	7	
18.		Barekamavan	0300	SVD	2	
19.				Black arrow	2	
20.			0550	SPG-9	1	
21.			0610	RPG-7	6	
22.			0610	NSVP	80	
23.			1920	Black arrow	1	
24.				PK	2	
25.		Berqaber	0305	PK	7	
26.			0450	DShK	16	
27.			0520	DShK	90	
28.				RPG-7	3	
29.				ZSU-23	25	
30.			0540	DShK	450	
31.				PK	850	
32.			0540	ZSU-23	200	
33.			0700	ZSU-23	100	
34.				KPVT	700	
35.				PK	2500	
36.			0710	RPG-7	1	
37.			0720	RPG-7	3	
38.			2145	SVD	1	
39.			2155	AK	3	
40.			2225	PK	10	

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41.		Chinari	0750	Black arrow	1	
42.			1605		5	
43.			2140	Black arrow	2	
44.				DShK	2	
45.		Khndzorut	1640	AKM	1	
46.		Mehrab	1740	SVD	20	
47.				PK	30	
48.		Kutakan	1930	SVD	3	
49.		Gyuney	1950	SVD	4	
50.		Chambarak	2145	PK	30	
51.		Daranak	2315	Istiglal	20	
52.		Voskepar	2045	AK	8	
53.		Berdavan	2120	SVD	1	
54.			2225	PK	3	
55.				AK	12	
56.				SVD	10	
57.			2350	SVD	3	
58.				AKM	10	
59.	2 August	N. Karmiraghbyur	0010	SVD	2	At 0250 the diversion intelligence group from the Azerbaijani side near the village Nemerli approached combat position. First Lieutenant Zorik Gevorkyan was fatally wounded by the Azerbaijani diversion group. The following soldiers received various shrapnel wounds: 1. Sarkis Movsisyan (died in hospital on 3 August 2014)
60.			0045	PK	2	
61.			0130		20	
62.		Vazashen	0020	AK	1	
63.			0040	AK	5	
64.				PK	11	
65.			0120	PK	3	
66.			0800	AK	2	
67.			1410-1420	DShK	29	
68.			1710	AK	6	
69.			1845		6	

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70.		Berqaber	0040	PK	11	2. Artur Nersisyan
71.			1010	DShK	40	3. Hovsep Arustamyan
72.			1130	ZSU-23-2	50	4. Argishti Galoyan
73.			2125	PK	10	
74.				DShK	30	
75.				Black arrow	4	
76.			2315	PK	30	
77.		Paravaqar	0045	PK	30	
78.			1400	AK	20	
79.			1820		4	
80.			2200	PK	15	
81.			2230	AK	15	
82.		Chinari	0300	AK	5	
83.			0720	Black arrow	3	
84.		Aygepar	0120	PK	2	
85.			0415	PK	60	
86.			0435	AK	4	
87.			2155-2230	PK	25	
88.			2355		3	
89.		Movses	0200	PK	15	
90			0630	AK	1	
91.		Baghanis	0630	82 mm mortar	7	
92.		Voskepar	0950	Utyos	4	
93.		Berdavan	1110	PK	200	
94.			2210	DShK	3	
95.				AK	8	
96.		Chambarak	1310	Black arrow	5	
97.			1355	DShK	10	
98.			1900	DShK	15	

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99.				PK	25	
100.		Barcruni	1510	RPK	4	
101.			2220		1	
102.			2335	AK	7	
103.		Koti	1520	AK	5	
104.		Daranak	2040	NSVP	3	
105.				AK	10	
106.		Aygedzor	2130-2150	RPG-7	3	
107.				Black arrow	50	
108.				SVD	40	
109.				PK	300	
110.				AK	1 500	
111.		Gyunashli	2240	Istiglal	7	
112.		Eraskh	2250	RPK	5	
113.	3 August	N. Karmiraghbyur	0000	AK	6	
114.			0335	PK	8	
115.		Berdavan	0015	PK	5	
116.				SVD	1	
117.			0120	DShK	65	
118.				PK	55	
119.			0215	PK	10	
120.				AK	10	
121.		Dovegh	0015	Utyos	10	
122.		Paravaqar	0020	AK	2	
123.			0300		2	
124.			0450		60	
125.		Sevakavan	0045	AK	6	
126.		Gyunashli	0105	PK	5	
127.			0200		30	

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
128.		Vazashen	0320	AK	10	
129.		Aygepar	0425	PK	15	
130.	4 August	Jil	0010	AK	15	At 1600 near the village Babashlar at the borderline in the combat position, soldier Aram Gri oryan was fatally wounded from the Azerbaijani side.
131.			0045	Black arrow	3	
132.			2330		3	
133.		Shishkaya	0045	Black arrow	6	
134.		Movses	0930	SVD	7	
135.			1945	Black arrow	5	
136.		Khndzorut	1015	AK	1	
137.			1020		4	
138.			1045		2	
139.			1506		1	
140.			1518		2	
141.		Aygepar	1445		22	
142.		Dovegh	1540	SVD	10	
143.		Babashlar	1600	Black arrow	1	
144.		Shavarshavan	1655	AK	6	
145.			1935	AKM	1	
146.		Berdavan	1748	SVD	6	
147.				AK	15	
148.		Kayanavan	1935	Black arrow	2	
149.		N. Karmiraghbyur	1945	SVD	5	
150.			2005	SVD	5	
151.		Paravaqar	1945	PK	15	
152.			1945	SVD	2	
153.		Baghanis	2020	Utyos	25	
154.		Dovegh	2030	PK	10	
155.		Vazashen	2015	AK	5	
156.			2100	PK	30	

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157.				AK	10	
158.		Chinari	2100	AK	20	
159.		Vahravar	2125	AK	15	
160.		Pambak	2235	Black arrow	10	
161.				PK	30	
162.		Dara	2330	Black arrow	5	
163.		Chambarak	2335		6	
164.	5 August	Chinari	0030	AK	1	
165.				Black arrow	5	
166.			0155	SVD	2	
167.			0430	AK	2	
168.			1120	Black arrow	3	
169.			1520	Black arrow	3	
170.			2305	DShK	4	
171.				PK	30	
172.		Aygepar	0210	AK	4	
173.			2250-0100	DShK	100	
174.				PK	800	
175.		Berdavan	0210	PK	118	
176.			0255	PK	20	
177.				AK	30	
178.		Paravaqar	0405	AK	20	
179.			0512	PK	50	
180.			1535	AK	10	
181.			1905	PK	10	
182.			2030	PK	14	
183.				DShK	10	
184.			2030	PK	5	
185.				DShK	10	

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186.			2240	AGS-17	7	
187.			2250	PK	600	
188.		N. Karmiraghbyur	0455	PK	13	
189.			2055		25	
190.			2125		25	
191.			2125	DShK	15	
192.			2230		10	
193.			2250-0100		500	
194.		Shishkaya	1155	Black arrow	3	
195.				PK	30	
196.			2215	Istiglal	5	
197.			1845		6	
198.		Vazashen	1200	DShK	6	
199.			1320	Black arrow	2	
200.			2205	AK	3	
201.			2205	PK	2	
202.			2300	DShK	11	
203.			2315		11	
204.			2315	AK	2	
205.		Berqaber	1700	SVD	5	
206.			2300	ZSU-23	20	
207.		Yanshak	1930	Black arrow	4	
208.		Khndzorut	1950	AK	5	
209.			2025		5	
210.		Chambarak	2000	DShK	10	
211.		Kayanavan	2045		15	
212.		Aygehovit	2110	DShK	4	
213.				PK	14	
214.		Dovegh	2130	AKØ	30	

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
215.		Movses	2250-0100	DShK	150	
216.				PK	250	
217.		Koti	2300	ZSU-23	100	
218.		Aygedzor	2305	Black arrow	15	
219.	6 August	Koti	0000-0200	DShK	1 000	
220.				PK	2 400	
221.				SVD	200	
222.		Khndzorut	0005	AK	2	
223.		Vazashen	0005	RPG-7	1	
224.			2020	PK	35	
225.		Berdavan	0010	PK	60	
226.				SVD	40	
227.			2215	RPK	2	
228.			2355	PK	10	
229.				SVD	10	
230.		Berqaber	0020	DShK	400	
231.			0747	DShK	40	
232.		Karchevan	0020	AK	4	
233.		Vahravar	0040	PK	30	
234.				DShK	30	
235.				AKØ	60	
236.		Paravaqar	0050	AGS-17	5	
237.			2240	PK	10	
238.			2320	Black arrow	10	
239.		Eraskh	0120	AK	10	
240.		Baghanis	0530	AK	15	
241.			2040	Utyos	3	
242.		N. Karmiraghbyur	0930	SVD	1	
243.		Yanshak	1100	SVD	6	

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244.			1230	Black arrow	3	
245.		Movses	1635	Black arrow	4	
246.		Shishkaya	1645	Istiglal	1	
247.		Chambarak	1830	DShK	15	
248.				PK	20	
249.		Chinari	1930	SVD	1	
250.			2000		2	
251.			2035		2	
252.		Kayanavan	1945	PK	75	
253.			2030	PK	100	
254.				DShK	50	
255.		Agarak	2240	AK	2	
256.				PK	19	
257.		Dovegh	2355	PK	10	
258.				SVD	10	
259.	7 August	Yanshak	0000	Black arrow	4	At 0145 near the village Taghibeyli at the borderline in the combat position, soldier Viktor Abramov was wounded by the Azerbaijani side.
260.			2235	SVD	6	
261.			0430	PK	6	
262.		Aygepar	0010	AK	1	
263.			0400		2	
264.			1045		8	
265.		Vazashen	0040	RPG-7	1	
266.			0225-0256	AK	27	
267.				PK	40	
268.			2300	AK	10	
269.		Voskepar	0105	PK	8	
270.			2300-2400		3 560	
271.		Chinari	0330	SVD	1	
272.			0930		1	

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273.			1205	AK	70	
274.				PK	50	
275.			1305	RPG-7	2	
276.			1830	AK	9	
277.			1830	Black arrow	5	
278.		Movses	1420	Black arrow	6	
279.			2040		1	
280.		Chambarak	1900	DShK	6	
281.		Shishkaya	1905	Istiglal	3	
282.			2015		15	
283.		Martiros	2010	AK	5	
284.			2035		10	
285.		Kayanavan	2300	PK	35	
286.		Khndzorut	2325	AK	3	
287.		Vahan	2335	PK	10	
288.		Baghanis	2335	NSVP	20	
289.				KPVT	10	
290.	8 August	Paravaqar	0005	PK	100	
291.		Aygepar	0040	AK	3	
292.			0330		2	
293.			0345		3	
294.			0425	SVD	7	
295.		Aygedzor	0120	PK	10	
296.		Movses	0200	AK	2	
297.			0300	PK	3	
298.			0355	AK	2	
299.		Yanshak	1200	DShK	300	
300.				PK	500	
301.			1640	SVD	4	

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302.			2115		3	
303.		Chinari	1240	DShK	8	
304.			2205	DShK	25	
305.		Chambarak	1245	DShK	2	
306.			2130	PK	15	
307.		Barcruni	1300	AK	20	
308.		Martiros	1600	AK	50	
309.		Chopurlu	1810	Black arrow	8	
310.		Shishkaya	1950	Istiglal	1	
311.				PK	8	
312.		N. Karmiraghbyur	2025	RPG-7	1	
313.			2045	RPG-7	1	
314.		Sevakavan	2055	AK	4	
315.		Baghanis	2345-0025	NSVP	100	
316.				PK	400	
317.	9 August	Eraskh	0115	AK	4	
318.			2215		2	
319.		Movses	0143	PK	5	
320.			0220-0430	DShK	700	
321.				PK	1000	
322.			1145	AK	2	
323.			2140	PK	6	
324.		Aygedzor	0143	PK	5	
325.		Berqaber	0200	SVD	6	
326.			0240	AK	4	
327.		Aygepar	0710	SVD	4	
328.		Vazashen	1030	PK	3	
329.			1150	AK	10	
330.		Yanshak	1745	PK	25	

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331.		Chambarak	1715	PK	20	
332.			2215		50	
333.		Khndzorut	1840	SVD	2	
334.		Baghanis	1942	AK	4	
335.	10 August	Vazashen	0040	PK	30	
336.			0045		20	
337.			0050	AGS-17	32	
338.				PK	40	
339.			0055	PK	20	
340.			0105	DShK	50	
341.				PK	20	
342.			0115	PK	60	
343.			0120	AK	30	
344.			0415	PK	50	
345.			1930	Istiglal	3	
346.			2130	AK	5	
347.				SVD	6	
348.			2345	AK	3	
349.		Aygehovit	0115	PK	25	
350.		Paravaqar	0140	PK	100	
351.			0300	AGS-17	2	
352.			2120	DShK	3	
353.			2305	PK	50	
354.		Aygepar	0210	DShK	10	
355.			0220-0430	DShK	2 000	
356.				PK	3 000	
357.			0810	DShK	2	
358.			2030	SVD	2	
359.		Berqaber	0210	DShK	15	

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360.			0330		15	
361.			0347		10	
362.			1050		10	
363.			2040	SVD	15	
364.		Koti	0315	DShK	60	
365.				PK	200	
366.		N. Karmiraghbyur	0330	RPG-7	2	
367.			0430		3	
368.		Voskevan	0337	DShK	50	
369.				PK	600	
370.			0607	Utyos	60	
371.		Voskepar	0350	DShK	30	
372.			0518		95	
373.			1050	Black arrow	20	
374.			1050	DShK	4	
375.			1325	SPG-9	4	
376.		Verdavan	1530	SVD	1	
377.			2330	PK	15	
378.		Baghanis	0835	AK	15	
379.		Yanshak	1220	DShK	40	
380.				PK	70	
381.				AK	90	
382.		Movses	1950	DShK	6	
383.			1950		1	
384.		Ajibaj	2000	SVD	4	
385.				PK	36	
386.		Lev	2045	Black arrow	11	
387.				DShK	25	
388.				SVD	15	

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389.		Sevakavan	2230	AK	2	
390.	11 August	Paravaqar	0010	PK	25	
391.			1040	Black arrow	1	
392.		Eraskh	0035	AK	1	
393.			0154		1	
394.			0220		2	
395.			0250	RPK	2	
396.		Berdavan	0120	PK	20	
397.				AK	15	
398.			0145	PK	10	
399.		Movses	0550	SVD	2	
400.			1120		1	
401.		Chinari	1105	Black arrow	6	
402.		Martiros	1115	AK	1	
403.		Aygedzor	1620	SVD	12	
404.				AK	6	
405.		N. Karmiraghbyur	1820	PK	20	
406.			1920	PK	10	
407.				SVD	18	
408.			2030	PK	15	
409.				AK	15	
410.		Aygepar	2230	SVD	2	
411.	12 August	Eraskh	0240	RPK	1	
412.		Ajibaj	1350	AK	20	
413.		Paravaqar	1410		9	
414.		Movses	1830	SVD	3	
415.		Shishkaya	2030	DShK	3	
416.		Koti	2150	AK	6	

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417.	13 August	N. Karmiraghbyur	1020	AK	1	
418.		Kutakan	1605		10	
419.		Jil	1605	PK	6	
420.		Ajibaj	1910	PK	15	
421.		Movses	2315	SVD	1	
422.		Vazashen	2325	AK	15	
423.	14 August	Chinari	0005	SVD	4	
424.		Vazashen	0030	Istiglal	15	
425.		Movses	0100	AKM	1	
426.		Paravaqar	1320	AK	5	
427.	15 August	Gyunashli	0945	PK	60	
428.		Chinari	1420	Black arrow	1	
429.		Ajibaj	2150	RPK	15	
430.		Voskepar	2220	AK	3	
431.	16 August	Ajibaj	0000	AK	3	
432.			2000	PK	30	
433.		Sevakavan	1330	AK	2	
434.		Chinari	1620		2	
435.		Movses	1800	SVD	3	
436.	17 August	Aygedzor	0020	PK	7	
437.		Khachik	0035	AK	1	
438.			2045		10	
439.		Azatamut	0040		5	
440.		Ajibaj	1135		5	
441.		Aygedzor	1510		11	
442.		Barekamavan	2230		35	
443.		Voskepar	2310		3	
444.		Koti	2340		3	

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445.	18 August	Vazashen	0005	AK	7	
446.		Koti	0015		1	
447.		Chinari	1250	RPK	3	
448.		Mehrab	1925	SVD	6	
449.		Khachik	1615	AK	2	
450.	19 August	Ajibaj	0000	PK	30	
451.		Paravaqar	0210	AK	3	
452.		Barcruni	0925		6	
453.		N. Karmiraghbyur	1150	AK	2	
454.				SVD	2	
455.		Mehrab	1720	SVD	19	
456.		Khachik	1952	AK	2	
457.		Voskepar	2300		4	
458.		Eraskh	2350		7	
459.	20 August	Berqaber	0010	AK	6	
460.		Shavarshavan	0020		6	
461.			0105		20	
462.			0125	SVD	3	
463.		Baghanis	0125	PK	3	
464.				SVD	1	
465.		Eraskh	0310	AK	5	
466.		Mehrab	1350		10	
467.		Sevakavan	1745		3	
468.		Khachik	2221		3	
469.		Vazashen	2355		5	
470.	21 August	Babashlar	1410	Istiglal	6	
471.		Eraskh	1625	AK	1	
472.			1940		2	
473.		Baghanis	1635	AK	5	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
474.			1810	AK	7	
475.				Black arrow	2	
476.		Paravaqar	1955	AK	15	
477.			1955	SVD	2	
478.	22 August	Eraskh	0110	AK	3	
479.			0550		4	
480.			1500		2	
481.			1710		1	
482.			2105		1	
483.		Paravaqar	2320		2	
484.		Sarigyugh	1935		2	
485.	23 August	Koti	0250	AK	3	
486.				PK	20	
487.		Geghamasar	1825	SVD	3	
488.				Istiglal	1	
489.		Movses	1615	AKM	5	
490.	24 August	Vazashen	1307	AK	2	
491.			1730	SVD	4	
492.			1850	Black arrow	4	
493.			2150	AK	2	
494.		N. Karmiraghbyur	1335	SVD	8	
495.		Movses	1825	PK	6	
496.		Choporlu	1955	SVD	10	
497.		Vahan	2100	PK	65	
498.		Kayanavan	2310	AK	16	
499.	25 August	Agarak	1255	AK	1	
500.		Vazashen	2045	PK	10	
501.	26 August	Baghanis	0015	AK	3	
502.		Dovegh	0900	PK	30	

No.	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition	Results of violations
503.		Vazashen	1450	AK	1	
504.			2345		2	
505.		Eraskh	1525		1	
506.			2120		1	
507.		Agarak	1650		1	
508.		Voskepar	1730		15	
509.	27 August	Barekamavan	0250-0310	PK	30	
510.				AK	30	
511.		Shavarshavan	1820	SVD	2	
512.		Eraskh	2345	AK	1	
513.	28 August	Eraskh	0015	AK	3	
514.		Vazashen	1935	SVD	15	
515.		Agarak	2155	AK	2	
516.	29 August	Vazashen	1415	PK	3	
517.			1950	SVD	3	
518.			2340	AK	13	
519.	30 August	Choporlu	0715	Black arrow	5	
520.				DShK	20	
521.			2145	PK	10	
522.		Azatamut	0800	DShK	5	
523.		Mehrab	1015	SVD	2	
524.		Chambarak	1920	PK	3	
525.				SVD	2	
526.		Berqaber	2100	SVD	3	
527.			2230		4	
528.		Eraskh	2340	AK	2	
529.	31 August	Vazashen	0110	SVD	5	
530.			0425		6	
531.			2135	AK	1	

No.	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*	*Results of violations*
532.		Sofulu	1320	PK	10	
533.		Movses	1735	AK	6	
534.		Paravaqar	1905		5	
535.			1920		15	

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On instructions from my Government, I should like to set out the position of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic regarding the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) over the period from 29 May to 3 September 2014 (S/2014/665):

- The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that it is committed to its obligations under the Disengagement of Forces Agreement and has accordingly respected the mandate of UNDOF and facilitated its work in every way. For over four decades, for as long as Israel has occupied the Syrian Golan, the Government has cooperated and coordinated closely and fully with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and UNDOF command. The Government stresses that the occupied Syrian Golan is an integral part of the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

- Israel, on the other hand, has persisted in its repeated violations of the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement, the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolutions, as is documented in the Secretary-General's most recent report. United Nations forces have also been victims of Israel's violations. According to paragraph 13 of the report, Israel carried out an attack on 2 June 2014, firing several rockets that landed near the United Nations command at the Nab' al-Fawar military camp, causing fear and terror among all United Nations force members. Not satisfied with this aggression, Israel attacked again on 23 June 2014. Paragraph 14 of the report states that several rockets landed in the area of the Nab' al-Fawar camp, killing nine Syrians and injuring nine others. In addition to those acts of aggression, Israel has directly supported armed terrorist groups. Paragraph 17 of the report states, verbatim, that UNDOF frequently observed armed members of the opposition interacting with the Israeli Defense Forces across the ceasefire line in the vicinity of United Nations position 85. By providing logistical and intelligence support for armed terrorists from the Nusrah Front and other terrorist groups, Israel has not only violated the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement, but also jeopardized regional peace and security as well as the lives of United Nations personnel, as recent events have demonstrated.

- Mindful of its obligations, Syria has exercised the utmost restraint in responding to the activities of armed terrorist groups in the UNDOF area of operation. It understands the nature of the region and the obligations that are in force. It reiterates that the actions of Syrian law enforcement forces are a response to an emergency situation arising from exceptional circumstances, namely the terrorist activities of terrorist groups in the area of separation.

- The actions of Syrian law enforcement forces in the area of separation are the very least that the Syrian Government can do in response to appeals from the local population. The latter has borne the brunt of the terrorists' operations, which have also been directed against the United Nations force. These operations have been conducted with the direct assistance of the Israeli occupation forces, as well as the intelligence services of Arab States and States of the region and beyond, the identities of which are well known to all.

- The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic strongly condemned the recent abduction of UNDOF peacekeepers by armed terrorist groups including the Nusrah Front, which is included in the Security Council's counter-terrorism list. It has demanded the immediate release of the peacekeepers and held the armed terrorist groups and their backers responsible for their safety. Syria has spared no effort to ensure the safety and security of United Nations forces and personnel in the occupied Syrian Golan.

- We wish to make it clear that what is now happening in the area of separation is the inevitable result of two factors. First, the United Nations has ignored the reliable intelligence provided regularly by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic regarding the risk posed by the widespread presence of armed terrorist groups in the area of separation. Second, the United Nations has turned a blind eye to the direct support that the groups receive from Israel and certain other States.

- By failing to react, the United Nations has encouraged the groups to persist in their acts of terrorism. Most recently, the Nusrah Front abducted peacekeepers from the Fijian contingent, surrounded personnel from the Filipino contingent and threatened to kill them if their demands were not met. We would have expected the Secretariat, like the authorities of the Philippines, to thank the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic for its efforts, which led to the release of the Filipino peacekeepers, instead of deploring the presence of Syrian law enforcement forces, whose military operations ensured that the peacekeepers' lives were not jeopardized.

- Members of the Filipino contingent have been abducted on two occasions. The first incident occurred almost a year ago; the second was the recent incident involving troops from the Filipino and Fijian contingents. Both incidents took place in collusion with Qatar. The United Nations and the international community are aware of that country's ties to the terrorist Nusrah Front organization, which it funds and arms. The Syrian Government stresses that the abduction of UNDOF peacekeepers is an unforgivable crime. However, the Nusrah Front criminals would have not taken such action were it not for the direct encouragement of Qatar and its readiness to pay millions of dollars under the pretext of obtaining the peacekeepers' release. That action constitutes financing of terrorism and a flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 2170 (2014) on counter-terrorism and combating

the financing of terrorism. It also contravenes Security Council resolution 2133 (2014), which prohibits the payment of ransom to terrorists.

- Syria calls on the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, to put an end to the actions of Qatar and other States that violate international law and the relevant Security Council resolutions. The United Nations must avoid a repeat of the situation that arose around a year ago, when it did absolutely nothing to investigate the intelligence that we provided to the Department of Peacekeeping Operations regarding the involvement of the Qatari intelligence services in the abduction of peacekeepers from the Filipino contingent. Syria also calls on the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, to take immediate action against the parties and States that sponsor and control the armed terrorist groups. To continue overlooking the threat posed by the presence and activity of those terrorist groups in the area of separation would exacerbate the area's instability and endanger the safety and security of United Nations staff.

- Syria is dismayed that, in its report, the Secretariat systematically ignores the terrorist nature of the groups designated as such by the Security Council, including the Nusrah Front and Ahrar Al-Sham Front, also known as the Islamic Front, which are part of Al-Qaida and have committed barbaric acts of terrorism not only against UNDOF but also against the Syrian people and the Syrian State and its institutions and infrastructure. One example can be found in paragraph 42 of the report, in which it is stated that the activities of several armed elements, including the Nusrah Front, in the UNDOF area of operation since late August, and the direct confrontations with United Nations personnel, forced UNDOF to vacate all but one of its positions. By persisting in describing those terrorist groups as "armed resistance", "armed resistance groups" or groups of "insurgents", the Secretariat has contradicted the statement issued on 28 August 2014 by the Security Council on the abduction of UNDOF forces by "Security Council-designated terrorist groups". It has also committed a grave violation of Security Council resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 2170 (2014).

- The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic is dismayed that UNDOF took the American journalist Peter Theo Curtis, who had been held hostage by the Nusrah Front, across the line of separation into occupied territory without coordinating its actions with the Syrian Government. The illicit smuggling of a person outside Syrian territory constitutes a violation of the UNDOF mandate and of Syrian sovereignty. Moreover, by communicating with the Nusrah Front, which the Security Council has placed on its counter-terrorism list, UNDOF has also contravened the Organization's counter-terrorism resolutions, the most recent of which is Security Council resolution 2170 (2014). The report appears to have deliberately overlooked the matter in order to avoid causing embarrassment at such illegal behaviour.

- In the conclusion of his report, the Secretary-General states that UNDOF continues to adapt to the evolving situation. He calls on the Security Council to continue to bring its influence to bear on the parties concerned to ensure that UNDOF is accorded the ability to operate freely and securely within its area of operation. At the same time, however, the report states that the Force will take further measures to adjust its posture and operations along the

ceasefire line, something that it has effectively begun to do by withdrawing from its current positions and strengthening its positions along the ceasefire line on the Alpha side. This would indicate that the activities of UNDOF will take place outside the area of separation, creating a void that the armed terrorist groups will exploit in order to create chaos and turmoil in the area at the behest of their supporters, thereby endangering peace and security in the region.

- The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic notes that UNDOF command moved its headquarters in contravention of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement, although it could have performed its role fully from its Damascus headquarters. In that connection, it should be noted that the Syrian Arab Republic Government has spared no effort to support the Force and its operations, including by allowing the delivery of Irish supplies and equipment designed to detect improvised explosive devices and by facilitating the delivery of sophisticated equipment to all UNDOF contingents.

- The Syrian Government stresses that UNDOF must continue to fulfil its mandate within the context of Security Council resolutions and the Disengagement of Forces Agreement. Syria undertakes to continue supporting UNDOF as it has done over the years, taking into account the points made above.

- Syria again emphasizes the need to address the fundamental reason for the presence of UNDOF, namely the continuing Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan. It reiterates its call on the Security Council to enforce its resolutions in that regard, particularly resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973) and 491 (1981), which reject the Israeli occupation of the Syrian Golan and require Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab territories, including the occupied Syrian Golan, to the line of 4 June 1967.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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